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## MR. GORDON H. SIMPSON

### AT FINE STREET SUNDAY

Mr. Gordon H. Simpson of the Urban League will be the speaker at the first April Sunday meeting, April 5th, 4 p. m. This service opens the spring quarter of the season's program of Sunday afternoon meetings.

The music by the Misses Harris and the Railroad Y. M. C. A. Orchestra will be quite an added feature and promises a great treat for the hundreds who will attend this first spring service. Atty. McLeMore will preside.

## MARCH SUNDAY MEETINGS LARGELY ATTENDED

Atty. Chas. M. Hay, addressed the last March meeting Sunday when he spoke to an appreciative audience on "Christian Citizenship."

Among the calendar of speakers were: Dr. Winfield Scott Hall, Chicago; Dr. Jno. H. Grant, St. Louis; Simms Concert Band, St. Louis; Bishop R. C. Ransom, Nashville, Tenn.; and Atty. Chas. M. Hay, St. Louis. The attendance for the month was 1,500.

## NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK APRIL 5-11, 1925

A health pageant will be given at Wheatley Branch Y. W. C. A. Friday, April 10th. This will be a final expression of the observance of Negro Health Week. Health will be the general theme running through the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. programs during the week of April 5th. It is expected that the pageant will convey the expression of many social and educational agencies.

## SALESMANSHIP CLASS BEGAN APRIL 2ND

A class in Salesmanship is being conducted by the Liberty Life Insurance Co. of Chicago. Day classes are held at 615 N. Jefferson from 9:00 to 10:00 a. m. The evening classes are held at Pine Street Y. M. C. A. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p. m. Rooms 'A' and 'B'. This course is free and open to the public. Both men and women. Not too late, register. Do it today.

## RAILROAD Y. M. C. A. ORCHESTRA AT FINE STREET SUNDAY

Perhaps the rarest musical treat of the season will be the coming of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. Orchestra Sunday, April 5th at 4:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend this service. Misses Ruth and Josephine Harris will render an Instrumental Duet.

## INAUGURATING AN AIRPLANE TAXI SERVICE

### San Francisco Is First in This New Field of Transportation

The Checker Taxicab Company of San Francisco announces that this month it will inaugurate the first airplane taxi service in North America. From now on any resident of San Francisco or vicinity "will be able to call 'Graystone 400' and be on his or her aerial journey to any point in California in 10 minutes."

The service promises to begin with nine airplanes. The landing field, sixteen miles out of the city, will be reached by auto service. From there Sacramento will be only one hour away, and Los Angeles four hours. A San Francisco business man, enjoying this service, will be able to breakfast at home, lunch in Hollywood, and attend the theatre on the same evening in his home town.

Each plane will carry two passengers, a pilot, and hand baggage. With two passengers flying for the same destination, the rate per mile fixed in the prospectus of the company is twenty cents each, or five cents lower than the California rate for long distance taxicab service.

A special bid will be made for tourist patronage. Walter T. Varney, head of the taxi-plane service, says that in two days of flying over California the tourists will see more of the State than he could otherwise in 30 days. "In one hour we will be able to show the visitor everything to be seen in the San Francisco Bay area and in three hours we will be able to transport him over the heart of interior California and to Yosemite and back."

The aerial cab service is to be run by a company capitalized at \$500,000, which represents a consolidation of the Walter T. Varney airplane school and the Checker Taxicab interests. All the

## MISSES HARRIS MAKE MUSICAL CONTRIBUTION TO SUNDAY MEETINGS

Misses Josephine and Ruth Harris, accomplished musicians of our city will render the special music at the Sunday afternoon meeting, April 5th, 4:00 p. m. Mr. Gordon H. Simpson will be the speaker. Atty. J. L. McLeMore, presiding.

## BIBLE STUDY

Verily, I say unto you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. Luke 4:24. The subject for Sunday "How Shall we treat other races and nationalities?" Led by Rev. Jas. Ross. Read Mark 8:1-21. Luke 4:24-27-10:25-27. Matt. 10:5-7.

Sunday's lesson was one of the best we have had this year. Rev. M. A. Hunter gave us a wonderful lesson concerning Jesus' Cause in the World.

## COMMONWEALTH STUNT NITE

The first Friday nite in each month is known as "Stunt" nite. Mr. Cherry is chairman of this program of Physical recreation and entertainment. A splendid program has been arranged which promises an evening of fun, laughter, enjoyment and recreation.

## THEY-ALL-PLAYED

Last Friday night was social nite at the Commonwealth Club and Mr. Smith, Membership Secretary of Pine Street directed the play.

Every girl and boy, man and woman, young and old became young for a while. Everybody played, laughed and socialized as though they were "Sweet Sixteen."

A large number attended the social and enjoyed the evening. Refreshments were served and all went away greatly impressed that it pays to "keep young through play and recreation." Mr. Williams is chairman of the Social Committee.

planes are to be painted like checker taxicabs. In the prospectus of the company special stress is laid on the security of the service. Hopes are expressed that later the whole Pacific slope will be included in the airplane taxi-service.

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### Editorials

#### COURTESY

Courtesy is a new word for old time politeness. It is born of a desire to serve. When naturally expressed, it enables one to make friends and to win customers.

Courtesy is more than mere politeness—it manifests a sympathetic interest in the welfare of others. It implies that rare gift of being able to take the other person's point of view of being able to think as the customer thinks, of being able to appreciate her wants and her needs as she appreciates them. Viewed in this way, courtesy is simply and daily practice of the Golden Rule.

True courtesy abides sincere. It is sympathetic, earnest, sincere. It is one of those priceless refinements that differentiates the kind and considerate person from one who is unkind and inconsiderate. It cannot be purchased, but one may cultivate and enrich it by having scrupulous regard for the finer feelings and interests of others.

#### WEST POINT CAVALRY HEAR DOCTOR SCOTT

WEST POINT, N. Y.—Dr. Emmet J. Scott and Ferdinand Q. Morton Civil Service commissioner, were the chief speakers at the 18th anniversary of the U. S. military detachment Monday.

The detachment consists of 220 enlisted men taken originally from the 9th and 10th Cavalry. There are now three Colored units here, the Cavalry detachment, medical and veterinary detachment.

Emmett J. Scott, Jr., civil engineer of New York made the third member of the party.

#### OPPORTUNITY

So long as men shall be on earth  
There will be tasks for them to do,  
Some way for them to show their works:  
Each day shall bring its problems new.  
And men shall dream of mightier deeds  
Than ever have been done before;  
There always shall be human needs  
For men to work and struggle for.

## WHY DIAMONDS REMAIN COSTLY

It is Because Their Production Is Severely Restricted

The world's diamond industry is approaching a crisis. At the recent annual meeting of the De Beers Consolidated Mines, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, the chairman of this company expressed the fear that unless immediate steps are taken by all diamond-producing countries to limit their output, the market will be over-supplied and the world will witness the vulgarization of this gem.

The diamond industry is unique in that a limited production and controlled market are advantageous alike to the buyer and the seller. A restricted output as the New York Sun explains, "not only does not hurt but may actually benefit the purchaser. As diamonds are hardly a necessity, no one is put to any real discomfort by a restriction on the quantity produced. Nor does the fact that the price of diamonds is raised hurt owners and buyers as a whole. Diamonds are desired because they are beautiful; they are also desired because their possession brings, or is thought to bring, a certain amount of social prestige to their owner. The prestige depends upon their expense, and if their prices were halved, each purchaser would simply have to buy twice as many to achieve the same effect."

The greatest diamond fields are in South Africa. Just as their expanding output was beginning to saturate the demand in 1913 and 1914, the World War arrived to relieve the situation by creating a market among profiteers and munition workers who for the first time found themselves able to indulge in the extravagance of jewelry. The close of the War not only brought collapse to inflated industrial profits, but also flooded the world with the gems of the Russian aristocracy and the "new poor" elsewhere. To save their industry from indefinite depression, the "Big Four" producers of South Africa—the De Beers Consolidated, the Jagersfontein, the Premier and the South West African interests—agreed to limit their output on a quota basis sufficiently to maintain the market price. And the result of this self-discipline has been that diamonds today are selling as high as at any time in the past.

The trouble arises from the fact that outside producers are profiting from the Big Four restriction at the latter's expense. The diamond fields of Portuguese West Africa, the Congo, British Guiana and Brazil, besides the workings of some 7,000 individual diggers in South Africa itself, are turning out all the

## HAYES TRIUMPHS AGAIN

At Roland Hayes' recital at the Columbia Theatre, San Francisco, every seat in the auditorium and on the stage was occupied, also all standing space. This was the tenor's second appearance in the city.

## ALL HOWARD REUNITE

NEW YORK—A Joint Recital was given by Charles Cecil Cohan, pianist, Frank Goodhall Harrison, baritone; C. Beatrice Lewis, accompanist at the Grace Congregational Church. All three were former students at Howard University.

## LINCOLN SINGERS IN ATLANTIC CITY

The Lincoln University Quintette appeared on the "Million Dollar Pier," Atlantic City, on March 28th. They will also broadcast and do some "canning" for the Edison Phonograph Company.

## HAMPTON-TUSKEGEE IN BIG PAGEANT

(By Dick Thomas)

NEW YORK — A pageant depicting the progress of the Colored people of America was given last Monday at the Carnegie Hall under the auspices of the Hampton-Tuskegee Endowment Fund. The tableaux depicting scenes of Negro life was one of the most striking parts of the program.

Dr. Nathaniel Dett, the great composer and pianist, featured his own compositions. The Hampton chorus of thirty voices interpreted the songs and spirituals of the Negro. Their voices told of all his hardships, travels and a yearning for a better land than this in slave days.

The Fisk Quartette, already well-known in New York through their radio concerts, held those assembled spell-bound. A full minute elapsed before the applause began.

Dr. Robert R. Moton, successor to the late Booker T. Washington delivered the address. It covered the achievements of the two schools. He was cheered to an echo.

gems they can. At one time the demand fell so low that in order to maintain prices the Big Four had to shut down completely, leaving the field to their rivals. Their patience is approaching exhaustion. Threatening to cease "immolating themselves" for the benefit of competitors, the South African companies are now demanding a world conference of diamond producers with the object of limiting the world output and assigning quotas to the various fields. The Diamond Syndicate of London would serve as clearing-house for the world product.



# PINE STREET Y. M. C. A. LEAGUES

## HOW THEY STAND

### Noonday Valley Ball League

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Pathfinders .....	8	2	800
Superiors .....	7	3	700
Leaders .....	3	7	300
Invincibles .....	2	8	200

### Senior Basket Ball League

K. R. T. ....	8	0	1000
Scullin .....	4	4	500
C. R. T. ....	4	4	500
Cosmopolitan .....	3	5	375
Black Swans .....	1	7	125

### Junior Basket Ball League

Cubs .....	11	5	715
Buffaloes .....	8	8	500
Panthers .....	7	9	435
Wild Cats .....	6	10	380

## BOND AVENUE "Y" vs C. R. T.

The fast Bond Avenue "Y" Basket Ball Team of East St. Louis will be the opponents of the C. R. T.'s on Saturday night, April 4th. This game will be the preliminary to the big volley ball game with Louisville.

The Bond Ave. team is composed of some of the Lincoln High famous "Jumping Jacks" and the report has reached us that they have a fast group of boys and will be hard to stop. We hope this advance information is true for it will take just such a team to entertain our High School boys. It will be remembered that the C. R. T.'s defeated Sumner in the last match game played in our gym and in that game they proved to be strong contenders with the K. R. T.'s for the city championship. This game will start at 7:30 and the admission to it and the volley ball classic is only 25 cents.

## LOUISVILLE HERE TONIGHT

The Louisville Volley Ball Team and a company of rooters are in town and we are mighty glad to have such distinguished guests. We are quite sure they have distinguished themselves in many lines of endeavor but we refer now to their prowess on the volley ball court. The big game is tonight, the fur will fly tonight and the best team will win tonight.

Pine Street thinks and hopes in having the best volley ball team in the middle west. We need the support of all St. Louis to help us maintain this leadership and the best way you can help is by coming out tonight and rooting for our boys. The game will start promptly at 8:30, Saturday April 4th and the admission is only 25 cents.

## LOCKER ROOM SCANDAL

The Superiors with only two players present defeated the Leaders in their League game last Saturday.

Who were on that five man team that let two men beat them? Ask Key.

Come on Mote! Come on Mote!! Dr. White yelled like his life depended on that game.

Capt. Moten's Pathfinders had to play their best to down the haughty Invincibles.

Dixon is gradually getting to be the most foxy player in the class.

What was the matter with Ramsey last Saturday? He was last seen playing Cody singles at 3:00 p. m. Friday.

What did Rev. Abbott do when he got tired?

Indianapolis plays Chicago at Chicago on April 17th. They are sharpening their swords for St. Louis.

Howard Lindsey writes that it is hard for him to get a sweat up in the volley ball games in Chicago.

The big game with Louisville is tonight and Capt. Hancock is depending on all players to be out in uniform.

The banquet for our Louisville guest will immediately follow the game. This affair is being given by the Noonday V. B. Class and all are expected to be present with their company.

## POCKET BILLIARD TOURNAMENT TO END WEDNESDAY, 8TH

Spirit is running high and the games are growing more scientific as the end of the Tournament draws nigh.

The men are asked to rally day by day so as to play the 12 games before Wednesday the 8th.

The following prizes will be awarded at the Luncheon on the evening of the 8th: Cue Stick, Membership in the "Y" and a "Y" pin.

## COMING

It's the future that inspires us, and always looking and seeking after something is a natural tendency of the human mind. Thus, when we see—COMING! we brace up with hope and set out to seek just what is to appear. Now! Our Caution is: COMING! and you immediately ask—what? April 30, May 1st and 2d.

## POCKET BILLIARD TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
James Phillip .....	5	3	625
G. W. Draper ....	3	4	425
Clarence Chattin ..	0	2	000
Wm. Cody .....	2	2	500
H. F. Iago .....	1	2	350
A. C. Mason .....	1	2	350
W. Maples .....	1	2	333
R. Wright .....	0	0	1000
H. K. Craft .....	0	3	000
F. A. Jones .....	2	1	666
Wm. Moore .....	0	0	000
B. F. Ridley .....	0	0	000
Paige Brown ..	2	0	1000

## THE NORTHWEST CORNER (Lobby)

There was a time when checkers were called "an old man's recreation", but at Pine Street it's a mental and social recreation for the young as well as the old.

Certainly you wouldn't call Messrs. Paige Brown, A. Cole and Dr. Kelly Robinson old men—A? We are glad to see these splendid young men spend some of their social hours in the lobby with Attys. Garner and Roberts, Messrs. Robinson Smith of Cincinnati, and others.

## NEW MEMBERS OF PINE STREET Y. M. C. A.

Mr. W. A. C. Brown  
Mr. Fred Wallace  
Mr. Andrew Joplin  
Mr. Harry Murray  
Mr. Oscar A. Lyles  
Mr. Winslow Sykes  
Mr. Arthur Bradford  
Mr. Arville R. Cole  
Mr. Earl Toddy  
Mr. Elmer Ewing  
Mr. Henry West  
Rev. Noah W. Williams  
Mr. R. H. Stanton  
Mr. A. Edwards  
Mr. Luther Weary  
Mr. A. D. Moody  
Mr. J. Gayton  
Mr. L. C. Robinson  
Mr. Wm. Tannell

Our rates and methods of becoming a member is in the reach of everybody. Full membership \$10.00 a year; \$3.00 with application, balance in 40 days. Social Membership \$3.00 cash. Join today. Meet your friends who are members and in the program. Become a part of this great big movement.

**BOYS' DIVISION NEWS**  
**HONOR ROLL**  
**Week of March 23rd**

**Midgits:** John Young, Raymond Hayes and Theodore Brime.

**Juniors:** I. V. Collier and Edward Coburn.

**Seniors:** Bluma Walker, Otto Walters and James Arnett.

**Leaders:** Lester Pearson and Elmo Young.

**BRICK BATS AND BOUQUETS**

Nine Rahs for Pioneer Club No. 1. Every member attended Bible Class Monday and all had attended Sunday School the preceding Sunday but one. They ought to roost that fat "kidd."

Wonder why some fellows don't attend those Sunday afternoon meetings? Surely they can't find anything in town at that hour more interesting and helpful.

Maybe the Captain of the Romans is not anxious to embarrass the Captain of the Greeks but Shaggy Ben is jes' itching for that gracious Greek's scalp.

Tickets to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be given out only at Life Builders' Club Sunday at 3 p. m. Don't miss it.

Why is it that Bonna never WEARS a cap? Can't find one big enough?

**EXTRA SPECIAL EXTRA**

Are you interested in devotional points, the Honor Roll, the "other fellow" or building you own life on a "solid foundation" don't fail to attend Life Builders' Club Sunday at 3 p. m.

Dr. B. F. Abbott will be the speaker and the day being Palm Sunday every boy will be given the opportunity of making the most important decision of his life.

Be present and bring a buddy or two. Not only will you get "points" doing it but you will get something that day.

you will enjoy and be proud of all of your life.

**PIONEER POINTS**

Well, Alvin Lyons is back in harness. Atta boy, Alvin, never—say—die.

Pioneers will have until Wednesday April 9th to complete their March program but don't wait a day later.

What do you say to a hike, Pioneers. Any old Saturday will do but Saturday the 25th is Pioneer Hike!

Don't miss bringing your buddy to Life Builders' Club Sunday. Your service record needs it.

Some more Pioneer buttons will be collected next Wednesday if certain Pioneers don't bring in their work in a hurry.

Number one wins the Loyalty Luncheon contest again—Ugh!

**BOYS' COMMISSION MEETS**

Every member of the Boys Commission is expected at the meeting Monday 8:10 p. m. in the Cafeteria.

**COMRADE CLIPPINGS**

Ten comrades received their First Degree Initiation and Comrade Pin last Friday. They are not willing to be perfectly meek.

Beans and Dogs are swell eats after an initiation—oh boys!

Alfred Batchman is a new candidate for "Comradeship." Here's wishing clear sailing—it's a GREAT life—and at last they will have a pianist.

Now that the C. R. T.'s are about filled out let us have a new bunch of Comrades to compete with them in their program of usefulness.

Otto Waters spilled the "dope" when he out-jumped Zomphier with a leap of 19 feet 7 inches in the indoor track and field meet. O-U, Comrades.

Don't miss Life Builders' Club Sunday. Comrades never miss a good thing.

**E. B. B. NOTES**

Hollister Kennedy has sent in his application for membership in the Employed Boys' Brotherhood and others are just about to qualify.

If you want reliable information about E. B. B., ask Bouyer, McCall, Harvey, Fred Young or John Day.

You are not promised employment for joining E. B. B. but you have got a 75 per cent better chance to get one if you are a member.

No one has answered that Benson Hall query yet.

Who is it saying that Ben Ridley is a "Seamstress"—'tain't and can't be true—he's a man.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt tickets will be issued to boys who attend the Sunday afternoon Life Builders' Club meeting (next Sunday). No other boys will receive Easter Egg tickets. Come and bring all of your buddies. The tickets will be given out at 3:05 p. m.

**TRAIL RANGER NOTES**

O-U Hot Dogs and Beans. We had 'em Saturday—will say.

And we gave a lesson in Bean and Dog Distinction too, Clifford Botchman was our pupil and—Oh boy, how he did learn.

Don't miss Life Builders' Club Sunday. A great message, a wonderful opportunity and some tickets to an Easter Egg Hunt.

How would you like to have the Easter Egg Hunt out at Chain of Rocks Saturday, the 18th?

Hiking time is here. A big one Saturday, April 18th, O Boy!

Another Trail Ranger has won the degree of "Trail Blazer." His name is Theophilis Shelton.

"Red" Moore is trying to be a real RED.

# HAPPINESS

## THE END OF ALL LIFE

### Pine Street Y Cafeteria

IS AN IDEAL ROAD  
EACH MEAL

TO THIS END  
A MILE-STONE